

2012 Police Chief of the Year award from the Illinois State Crime Commission and for his thirty-five years of exceptional service to the citizens of Oak Lawn.

Chief Villanova first joined the Oak Lawn Police Department on March 22nd, 1977, and quickly earned the respect of officers and village officials alike with his caring, methodical, and unselfish work. In his first year alone, Chief Villanova made 7 felony arrests and 11 misdemeanor arrests, and issued 52 traffic and 74½ village ordinance citations. Continuing his record of excellence, Chief Villanova went on to earn several awards of distinction including the Police Club Officer of the Year in 1991 and the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit in 1997.

In addition to his many achievements, Chief Villanova has also bravely served in times of great danger. In 1978, Chief Villanova negotiated with an estranged spouse to diffuse a hostage situation which resulted in the victim being released unharmed. Also, in 1980, Chief Villanova persuaded a suicidal subject to surrender. And in 2005, Chief Villanova successfully prevented an armed robbery of an Oak Lawn jewelry store. I speak not only for myself, but also the community, when I thank Chief Villanova for all of his hard work and dedication to the Village of Oak Lawn.

Chief Villanova has touched countless lives as a police officer, leader, and mentor. It is fitting that such an upstanding member of society should receive the high honor of Police Chief of the Year. This prestigious award is cause for celebration for Chief Villanova and his family, including his wife Linda, three children, and five grandchildren. Please join me in congratulating Police Chief William Villanova for his outstanding achievement and career of service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENDING TAX BREAKS FOR DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2012

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, while the Augusta National Golf Course is known as a premier golf course and for hosting the Master's tournament, the club is also known for its discriminatory policy of denying women membership. Yet Augusta is not the only 'boys club'—over 20 other clubs throughout the country prohibit women from joining.

In addition to these unfair and unjust policies, Augusta and other clubs around the country are benefitting from federal tax breaks that allow deductions of business-related entertainment, business meals, and business expenses associated with travel and meetings. The government currently indirectly subsidizes discrimination by allowing tax deductions when individuals and corporations do business at private clubs that discriminate. It is simply outrageous that taxpayers barred from joining these clubs are forced to pay for business expenses associated with them. This is why I am reintroducing the Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2012 so that clubs that discriminate will not be subsidized by the government. This legislation would deny all deductions for business expenses associated with

the use of a club that discriminates on the basis of sex, race, or color. Discriminatory clubs will have to state on their receipts that their expenditures are nondeductible.

It's time to end tax breaks for discrimination—plain and simple.

MRS. LOIS KELLY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LOU BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Lois Kelly, one of the 2012 recipients of the Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service. This award is presented annually by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County and given for a person's contributions to the region throughout the years. The Neighborhood Housing Services serves individuals and families through homeownership education and promotion, property rehabilitation and affordable lending.

After creating a legacy of community service in her own family, Mrs. Kelly worked with the Country Day Nursery School. The school has been serving the community for over 40 years. During this time, Mrs. Kelly provided guidance and encouragement to generations of children in northeastern Pennsylvania.

In addition, Mrs. Kelly was the first woman elected to the Dunmore Borough Council. She passionately advocated for community spirit and spent her career trying to encourage women to engage in the political process and community service.

Mr. Speaker, today, Mrs. Lois Kelly stands as an example of selflessness to her family and community in northeastern Pennsylvania. I commend her for years of dedicated service to our children, community, and country, and I wish her continued success in the future.

WISHING EUGENIA MUROS MALLIS OF SUMMIT A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eugenia Muros Mallis who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 2, 2012. Known as Jennie to her family and friends, Mrs. Mallis has been devoted to children's bilingual education in Summit, Illinois for many years.

Born in Slimnitsa, Greece on May 2, 1912, Mrs. Mallis immigrated to the United States in September of 1927. Becoming an American citizen on February 19, 1928, she immediately kindled a strong relationship with her neighborhood Greek-American community. She married her loving husband, Constantine J. Mallis, on April 22, 1934. After settling in the Chicago suburb of Bedford Park with her three daughters, Jennie's love of children led her to seek employment with the local area school district. As a teacher's aide in an English-as-a-second language program at Walsh Elementary School in Summit, Illinois, she helped chil-

dren translate their native languages into English. Mrs. Mallis worked with hundreds of immigrant students from countries such as Albania, Greece, and Yugoslavia to help them overcome a challenging educational barrier.

A devout Christian and active member in the Chicago-area Greek Orthodox community, Mrs. Mallis is one of the founders of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Justice, Illinois. She is active in many fellowship and philanthropic organizations including the Brotherhood of the Grammos, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Philopticos, and the American Legion. She also enjoys classical music, reading, baking, and spending time with her three daughters and her granddaughter.

On behalf of the residents of the Third District of Illinois and the students who have benefited from her dedication, it is my honor to wish Eugenia "Jennie" Muros Mallis a happy and healthy 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GABRIEL BERHANE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joined by my colleague, Congressman JAMES MORAN, of Virginia's 8th District, to recognize Command Sergeant Major Gabriel Berhane for his 29 years of exemplary service to our nation in the United States Army and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

The United States of America has distinguished itself from other nations through the entrepreneurship and spirit of our people, the knowledge that we can achieve any goal if we set our minds to it, our inherent compassion and generosity, our fierce patriotism, and the extraordinary dedication to country and sacrifices exhibited by our men and women in uniform. CSM Berhane possesses each of these qualities in abundance.

Since enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1983, CSM Berhane has consistently excelled while honorably serving in every position in the Armor and Cavalry field from Dismounted Scout to Command Sergeant Major. Other than Sergeant Major of the Army, there is no higher rank; a soldier who attains the rank of Command Sergeant Major is the epitome of success and professionalism. And while it is impossible to detail each of the remarkable events in CSM Berhane's illustrious career, let us highlight some of his more recent achievements and actions that should serve as an inspiration to all Americans.

Between August 2000 and June 2002, CSM Berhane served as a Sergeants Major Course Instructor, in which he provided pivotal instruction and mentorship to more than 750 Senior Noncommissioned Officers. In this role, he provided invaluable insight into the management of the academy and implemented an in-depth Standard Operating Procedure that was a critical component of the accreditation of the academy and the continued professional development of our military leaders.

From June 2002 to March 2004 CSM Berhane served as Squadron Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry